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In re the Application of: Yoshihisa IBA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2813

Serial Number: 10/774,496

Examiner: Jack SJ. Chen

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 21, 2006

Sir:

In response to the requirement for an election of species dated February 21, 2006, applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Species I, drawn to use low dielectric constant insulating film as the interlayer insulating film. It is believed that claims 2 and 6-9 read on the elected species. The applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

The applicants respectfully request an early examination on the elected claims and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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